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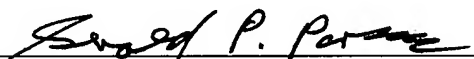
This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 11, 2004. The previously pending claims have previously been prosecuted in the parent to the present application. These original claims of the parent application are being cancelled and new claims 19-24 are being substituted. These newly added claims are directed to a coarse-fine programming method. Claims 19-24 are respectively exact copies of claims 1-6 of U.S. patent number 6,621,742, of Yamada, issued September 16, 2003. A copy of patent 6,621,742 is included for the Examiner's convenience.

A prompt consideration and an early indication of the allowance of new claims 40-54 are respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1163 would be appreciated.

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